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Check the Geek Fest Facebook
page for updated program
information and additional
details!

Use red codes above to find the library hosting each event:

KPL = Kalamazoo Public Library (kpl.gov)

PDL = Portage District Library (portagelibrary.info) -- VDL = Vicksburg District Library (vicksburglibrary.org)



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Thursday's 5-5:30pm- Don't Be Afraid of the Library - Inspired by the popular TV show, "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark", librarians will record themselves reading ghost stories aloud, just in time for Halloween.

[KPL TV - Kalamazoo Public Library](#)

Sat. Oct. 2, 3-4pm- Cosplay Like the Professionals! - It's easier than you think! Modify or create your costumes with advice from Cullen of Chaotic Neutral Cosplay. Join him live on Zoom as he covers tips, tricks, costume triage, and more. You can ask your questions live, or send questions to cdoane@portagelibrary.info and Cullen will answer them during the program.

Registration required.

[Zoom - Portage District Library](#)

Sat. Oct. 9, 2-4pm- From Lands Not So Far Away: Padded Weapons and Lightsaber Fencing Demo - Amtgard uses padded weapons, fantasy and authentic clothing, and imagination to immerse players in a world of heroic combat, quests, crafts, and more. Ludosport is a Light Saber fencing combat discipline started around 10 years ago by a group of talented martial artist friends who loved the Star Wars movies. They will both be running demos open to public participation, just outside the library (weather permitting), comfortable clothing encouraged.

Registration required.

[In person - Portage District Library](#)

Mon. Oct. 11, 7pm- Geeky Kids Bedtime Story Time - Ever wonder if Princess Leia and Han Solo forgot to read to Ben every night? Maybe that's why he became Kylo Ren?! All geeky caregivers and kids can join us for some fun bed time stories and songs.

[Facebook - Vicksburg District Library](#)

Tue. Oct. 12, 6-7pm- Pages & Pizza - Please register to receive a free copy of the book and to reserve your place for free pizza at the library and to discuss the book. October: Legendborn by Tracey Deonn. Grades 6-12 only.

[In person - Kalamazoo Public Library](#)

Tue. Oct. 12, 7:30-8:30pm- A Brief History of Special Effects - Since the introduction of motion pictures over 100 years ago, people have found ways to stretch their imagination and create visually stunning illusions. WMU's Associate Professor, Kelly Wittenberg will discuss this very interesting history.

Registration required.

[In Person - Portage District Library](#)

Sat. Oct. 16, 3-4pm- Go Forth In Style - Jessi Fletcher from Sew Excited Cosplay, has been in the cosplay community for over 10 years. Join her live on Twitch as she covers tips, tricks, costume triage, and more. You can ask live or send in questions Jessi will answer them.

Registration required.

[Twitch - Portage District Library](#)

Sat. Oct. 16, 7-10pm- Level Up: Online Game Night - The Royal Manticoran Navy has shipped in a container of online family friendly games for Geekfest Online 2021. Their list includes Jackbox Games, Fluxx, Dominion and many more! All can all be played easily and quickly online. Jump in and out as you like.

Registration required.

[Zoom - Portage District Library](#)

Mon. Oct. 18, 6-8pm- Dungeons & Dragons Club - We'll have a one-shot campaign for all skill levels, led by Dungeon Master Miss Natalie. No dice or other supplies necessary, just bring your imagination and a sense of adventure.

[In person - Kalamazoo Public Library](#)

Tue. Oct. 19, 7-8pm- Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Talk: Dune by Frank Herbert - Librarian Ruth will lead an open discussion about the classic science fiction book, Dune by Frank Herbert. Ruth will map all the characters, worlds, and special interest groups from the book.

Registration required.

[In person - Portage District Library](#)

Wed. Oct. 20, 6:30-8:30pm- Documentary & Donuts: Raiders! The Story of the Greatest Fan Film Ever Made - Come watch a thought-provoking documentary and enjoy some locally-made donuts at the library! In 1982, childhood friends began filming a shot-for-shot remake of Steven Spielberg's Raiders of the Lost Ark. Their remake was accidentally discovered 14 years later, praised by Spielberg, and became one of the most talked-about and sought-after cult films in cinematic history.

Registration Required.

[In person - Portage District Library](#)

Thur. Oct. 21, 6:30-8pm- Author: Jim Hines - Michigan native and fantasy/science fiction author comes to Geek Fest to talk about how and why to include humor in your SF/F stories! Join the Hugo Award-winning author of the Goblin Quest trilogy, the Princess series, Magic ex Libris, and the Janitors of the Post-Apocalypse, and take away tips for your own writing! A moderated question and answer session follows.

[Zoom - Portage District Library](#)

Sat. Oct. 23, 1-5pm- Honey Heist - A swiftly moving, interactive RPG about a group of bears in cool hats going for the big score from Honeycon, a large Honey Convention. You will roll dice to determine what type of bear you are, what role you will play in the heist, and what kind of cool hat you wear. Goal: Grab the honey and run before your Criminal nature or Bear traits undermine your plans.

Registration Required.

[Zoom - Portage District Library](#)

Mon. Oct. 25, 5:30-6:30pm- Dustin Pari: Haunted History of Halloween - Ah, Halloween. Autumnal breezes, crisp leaves, and pumpkin flavored everything! What is it about this time of year that is so enchanting, so mystifying? In this lecture Dustin sheds some light on the spooky shadows of Halloween history and lore. Ghost stories? Oh yeah, he has some of those too.

[In person or Online - Kalamazoo Public Library](#)

Extra Fun!

Break-In Bags - It's time to get GEEKY! Pick up a bag, while supplies last, at your local library. Break the code, get the swag!

[In person - All Libraries](#)

Swag Bags - Can't get enough Geek Fest? Stop by one of the libraries below for a take home bag of goodies!

[In person - Comstock Township Library, Kalamazoo Public Library \(CEN\), Portage District Library](#)

Oct. 1-30 - Avatar the Last Airbender Digital Breakout Site - Bring the fun and excitement of an Escape room to your computer screen. Follow the clues, crack the code, and put your Avatar knowledge to the test. Do you have what it takes to stop the Hundred Year War?

[Online - Kalamazoo Public Library](#)

Oct. 1-31 - Artist Alley - Do you want to show off your artwork? Geek Fest 2021 wants to showcase local area artists and aspiring creators!

[Online - All Libraries](#)

Oct. 1-31 - Cosplay Display - Show off your geektastic designs and interact with other cosplayers on our designated Facebook threads.

[Facebook - Geek Fest Page](#)